

AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

At page 1, line 3, please insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a national phase application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/EP2003/007390 filed 9 July 2003, which claims priority to Austrian Application No. A 1053/2002 filed 12 June 2002, the contents of which applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.--

At page 13, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 37 with the following substitute paragraph:

--Primer pair A:

Sense: 5'-GTGGATCTCAAGCCCTCAAG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 16)

Antisense: 5'-GATCCCCTGATTTTGGAGGT-3' (SEQ ID NO: 17)

Expected size of PCR product is 235 nucleotides.--

At page 14, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 1 with the following substitute paragraph:

--Primer pair B:

Sense: 5'-AAGGTGACCTCCAAGTGTGG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 18)

Antisense: 5'-GGTATGCATGGAGGGAGAAG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 17)

Expected size of PCR product is 438 nucleotides.—

Please replace the Sequence Listing numbered pages 1-9 with the substitute Sequence Listing numbered pages 1-10 submitted herewith as Appendix A.